



McCleary Regular City Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 – 6:30 PM

McCleary City Hall Council Chambers & Zoom Virtual Meeting

Minutes

Call to Order/Flag Salute/Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

PRESENT

Councilmember Jacob Simmons

Councilmember Brycen Huff

Councilmember Max Ross

Councilmember Andrea Dahl

Councilmember Keith Klimek

Agenda Modifications/Acceptance

Motion made by Councilmember Huff, Seconded by Councilmember Dahl to move Fire Chief Appointment to the next meeting.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek

Special Presentations

1. SCJ Alliance - Comprehensive Plan Update

Laura Barker from SCJ Alliance gave a presentation on the City of McCleary's Comprehensive Plan Code Update. The last Comprehensive Plan was done in 2002. SCJ and the City organized a Citizen Advisory Committee to get a better understanding of the issues in McCleary. From the advisory group, they learned McCleary needs more spaces for social interaction. Growth is going to happen, and this plan will help to manage it well. By 2024 they anticipate a population of 2450. She discussed demographics and modeling used.

SCJ Alliance and the City worked with the Advisory Committee to update the Vision Statement. She reviewed the Land Use Element, Housing Element, Economic Development, Transportation, Parks and Recreation and Capital Facility/Utility sections of the plan.

There was no public comment or no questions for Ms. Barker.

Public Comment - Agenda Items Only

No Public Comment

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Simmons asked about the \$15,000 to BKI. Chad Bedlington stated that is part of our Capital Improvement Plan for Light and Power. We should be coming to a close on this within the next 60-days, and the total should be around \$25,000.

Motion made by Councilmember Ross, Seconded by Councilmember Huff to approve the consent agenda.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek

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2. Accounts Payable February 16-29, 2024 Ck Numbers 53065-53099 including EFT's totaling \$104,427.01
3. Meeting Minutes - February 14, 2024

Updates

4. Staff Reports - Water & Wastewater, Public Works, Light & Power, Police Activity, Finance, Fire Dept.
Councilmember Huff asked about a timeline on the Aquifer Study. Chad Bedlington said he has been working with EA on this and trying to get grant applications in. We can have the consultant come in to do a presentation.
Councilmember Dahl asked about a forensic audit. Jenna Amsbury said it will be part of the regular audit around May/June.
Councilmember Simmons asked about the chiller replacement. Chad Bedlington said we will be moving forward with that in the next month or so. Simmons asked the Chief for a Staff Report. He would like updates on K9 Program, Overtime and the money from Simpson.
Councilmember Huff asked about the cause, resolution and cost of the IT issues. Chad Bedlington said it would be discussed in executive session.
5. Committee Updates
Councilmember Huff said the Chehalis Basin Partnership is moving forward with the letter of support for the monitoring of the aquifer.
Mayor Miller said there are openings for the Civil Service and Planning Commission. They are open until filled.

New Business

Old Business

6. Fire Chief Appointment
Moved to next meeting.
7. Gray & Osborne Consultant Agreement
Chad Bedlington said this is for the Maple Street Project from Main Street to the Beehive. This is a new sidewalk project that will include curb, parking and storm drainage work as well. The cost for this is around \$60,000 which 95% covered through the TIB Grand and 5% through the City.

Motion made by Councilmember Huff, Seconded by Councilmember Klimek to approve the Consultant Agreement.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek
8. MacKenzie Inc, Space Needs Assessment - Consultant Agreement
Chad Bedlington said this is for City Hall, Fire Department and the whole campus to try and figure out space needs 20-30 years from now. The City has allocated \$32,500 for this. This plan would open us up for grant opportunities for the City.
Councilmember Simmons said this was not included in the budget, item 11 was removed and we did not approve it. Chad Bedlington said he is happy to table this and bring additional information forward.
Simmons said we don't have the funds for this and don't think it's necessary.
Councilmember Dahl thinks that we have higher priorities than space needs.

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Councilmember Klimek said how can we justify this when today we are in a budget crunch. Do we need it?

Chad Bedlington said we are just trying to plan for the future, this is up to the Council if this is the right time.

Councilmember Huff said he wants to push this out until we have more information. Why spend money right now when we had to do cuts. Chad Bedlington said if we don't have a plan, we can't get funds.

Councilmember Ross said the need is not imminent. He wants to table this for now.

Ordinances and Resolutions

No Ordinances or Resolutions

Public Comment - City Business Only

Missi Olson commented about a nuisance she turned in about her neighbor with multiple broken down vehicles, wood debris and a camper. I pay a lot in property taxes. I'm not sure what else to do other than coming in and talking now. She would like a follow up.

Mayor Miller said he would look into this and see where it is in the process.

Executive Session

9. Discussion with Legal Counsel about legal risks RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

The executive session was called at 7:44pm and was expected to last 10 minutes. There was a five minute extension to 8:00pm. No decisions were made.

Closed Session

10. Collective Bargaining RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)

Closed Session started at 8:00pm and was expected to last 5 minutes. The meeting reconvened at 8:08pm announcing no decisions were made.

Council Comments

Sara Daniels asked if the City was applying for Grants for festivals outside of the McCleary Bear Festival. Are you not going to help us? Are you going to start your own festival? Mayor Miller said he would sit down and have a conversation with her about the grant and bear festival.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Miller said the City met with the school district and YMCA last week to try to get some summer programs started.

We are also meeting with Grays Harbor Transit at the end of the month to improve the transit station.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm

Motion made by Councilmember Ross, Seconded by Councilmember Dahl.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Simmons, Councilmember Huff, Councilmember Ross, Councilmember Dahl, Councilmember Klimek

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